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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the First and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From Friday September 22d. to Monday September 25th. 1710.

WHEREAS the Subſcribers to this Paper, always paid their Money Quarterly to the Men that are employ'd in the delivering out of the ſame, this is therefore to give Notice to all ſuch, that after *Michaelmas-Day* next, the Proprietor of the ſaid Paper will employ a Servant of his own to Collect the ſaid Quarteridge, and at the Payment of the ſame, to receive a Printed Receipt for their Diſcharge, Sign'd by *J. Mayo*, Printer of the ſaid Paper.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. I *Beg you'll favor me with the meaning of theſe Words, in* Chap. 8. Ver. 2. *of* 2 Sam. And he Smote *Moab* and meaſured 'em with a Line, caſting them down to the Ground: Even with two Lines meaſured he, to put to Death; and with one full Line, to keep Alive: And ſo the *Moabites* became *David*'s Servants, and brought Gifts.

Yours, W. B.

A. This Place is indeed Obſcure and Subject to different Interpretations. Our Opinion of it is, that the firſt Part of the *Verſe* referrs to *David*'s uſing the Country of the *Moabites* at his Pleaſure, in dividing their Land by meaſure and giving it to whom and in what Proportion he pleaſed, and raſing their Cities to the Ground; and the latter Part referrs to his Diviſion of the People into three Parts ſo equally, as if they had been meaſured with a Line, one of which he preſerved Alive, and the other two he put to the Sword. The whole is a Metaphor taken from Husbandmen and Surveyors, who meaſure Land with a Line, aſſigning at Pleaſure ſo many Acres for Corn, ſo many for Paſture, &c.

Q. Gentlemen, *We Read in the firſt* Chapter *of* Geneſis, *and the* 26th Verſe, *theſe Words*, viz. And God ſaid let us make Man in our Image. *I deſire to know the meaning of* LET US, *which will very much Oblige*,

Gentlemen,
Your Subſcriber, J. O.

A. The Primitive Fathers do from this Text Unanimouſly Collect a Trinity of Perſons in God, which we cannot but own to be the moſt natural and rational Explication of this Place. It is manifeſt how much the *Jewiſh* Interpreters are Baffled by this Argument, and how difficult it is to them to elude it by conſidering only the forced and abſurd Explications of theſe Words: Some of them pretending that God beſpeaks the Angels, for Fear they might entertain ſome Jealouſy of Man, whom he had determined to make in their likeneſs. But to make Angels Creators is a groſs Abſurdity. God neither wanted nor uſed them in the Creation. How cou'd he deliberate about the Creation of Man with thoſe that were themſelves Created? Others of them therefore acknowledging the Abſurdity of this Interpretation, feign another inſtead of it that is notwithſtanding altogether as Ridiculous. They ſay that God here beſpeaks the four Elements, as if he had ſaid to them, *Do you give Man a Body and I will give him a Soul.*

Q. Gentlemen, *I deſire to know your Opinion, Whether after this World there will be another?*

Yours, GRADENIZO.

A. This Queſtion having a Relation to the *Millennium*, of which we have lately Treated, We ſhall ſay nothing Peremptory of it our ſelves. 'Tis a Point of dubious Diſpute, all the Arguments for and againſt are largely Explained by Dr. *Burnet*, in his *Theory of the Earth*, and Dr. *Woitby* in his Expoſition of the *New Teſtament*, to which we refer the Reader.

Q. Gentlemen, *I desire to know the Original Descent of the* Moors?

Yours, O. H.

A. If the Querist means the *Moors* properly so called, or the Inhabitants of *Morocco*, we are told that the first that Peopled that and the other Adjacent Countries was *Phut*, the Third Son of *Ham*, and his Posterity. Accordingly *Josephus* says, that the People of these Countries were Anciently called *Phutei*, and *Pliny* mentions the River *Phut* in *Mauritania*.

Q. APOLLO, *Why are the Fore-Wheeles of a Coach made less than the Hinder-Wheeles? A speedy Answer will Oblige,*

Yours, G. X.

A. One Reason is the Crookedness of the Ways requiring frequent Turnings of the Coach to the Right and Left Hand, for which purpose the littleness of the Fore-Wheels were a good Expedient. For if the Fore Wheels were made as large as those behind, the Coach cou'd not be Turned without taking a larger Compass, which sometimes wou'd be very Incommodious. It will be asked, why then are the Hinder-Wheels made so large, since they may as well Subject the Coach to this Inconvenience of Turning? We may Answer, they are made so partly that they may raise the Coach higher out of the Dirt, and partly because greater Wheels are more easily moved than the less in a right Line, as is proved in Mechanics: And as for their Difficulty of being Turned, it is easily conceivable that their being Situated behind remedies that Inconvenience. The other Reason of the littleness of the Fore-Wheels is of higher consideration. It is to be observed therefore, that the Reins, which tye the Coach to the Horses, are fastened at the ends of the fore Axle-Tree. And since these two ends are the Points of the Application of the Force to the Weight, if the Axle-Tree be as high as the Horses Breasts, the Line of Draught (according to which the Force is applied) will be parallel to the Horizon; and therefore while the Coach is drawn along a Horizontal Plane the Application of the Force will be direct. But because there are no Ways so perfectly plain, but that the Coach must be drawn over many Stones, or Hillocks, or such like Eminences, the direct Application of the Force will not in such Cases be parallel to the Horizon, but to the Acclivity of the Eminence. And that Provision might be made when such Cases shou'd happen, nothing cou'd be better contrived than that the Axle-Tree shou'd be placed lower than the Horses Breasts. For by this Means the Force is more directly applied, where there is thegreatest need of it; and the Weight is both raised up and drawn forward at the same Time, in Order to overcome the Eminences and Roughness of the Ways.

Q. APOLLO, *Some time since a Friend of mine was Riding to* Uxbridge *on a* Sabath-Day; *his Horse went very well till he came just up to* Tyburn, *where he was going to Whip the Gallows with his Whip, but the Horse would not go one step further, with all the Whipping he could give him: I desire your Opinion, whether this Accident may signify any thing to his Future State; in Answering this you will much Oblige,*

Your Humble Servant and Subscriber, F. W.

A. It is not in the least strange, that an Horse shou'd start at, and not be brought easily up to any uncommon Spectacle in his way: But if he freely pass'd other Obstacles, and refrain'd alone being brought up to the Gallows, that his Master might Whip it, it looks a little Ominous, and as if it was, his Destiny, the Gallows shou'd Whip him off; but it is in the Power of an Honest Man to overrule such Destiny.

Q. 1st. *Why are Persons not overstock'd with Brians, usually call'd* Ben's?

Q. 2d. *Why People with a good stock of Impudence are said to be Quality'd to keep a Corner-Shop?*

A. As to your first Question, one *Ben Gourden*, a Natural Fool kept by the Earl of *Shrewsbury* in King *James* the I's. Time, had the Honor to have his Name conferr'd on all succeeding Proprietors of equal Talents with himself. A Man well stock'd with Impudence is said to be Qualify'd to keep a Corner Shop, because he is liable to the Confronting many more Persons, than in any other part of a Street.

Q. *Through common Faith and Oaths, let others* [*Break,*
I Scorn the base Ignoble ways they take:
The undisguised Dictates of my Heart,
My Tongue to all shall readily impart, &c.

A. We Inserted not the rest of the Lines, because the Querist desir'd they might be Answer'd by a Gentleman by Name, who is not of our Society, therefore if he pleases, he may carry them to him.

POEMS.

Q. GREAT Idol *of the prying Town,*
Upon your Suppliant, pray don't frown,
Who tho' he late Address in strong Verse,
Once more approaches with no long Verse.

Response to Problems comes so quick, Sir,
Some think you Traffick with Old Nick, Sir,
While Soul and Body run on Tick, Sir.
But I'll no such Opinion harbor
Because I think it unjust and Barbar-
* *Ous (here you see keeps Metre safe,*
Thus Ralpho's *sometimes call'd plain* Ralph)
For, tho' you Satan's *Maxims follow,*
And (like him) stile your self APOLLO;
Tho' full as soon you Answer Questions,
As did the Dælian *Wench possess'd, once;*
'Tis to be hop'd, you're more Sagacious,
And eke of Wellfare more Tenacious,
Than to contract with Fiend aforesaid,
Of whom there here shall be no more said.

Now since you see my Inclination,
To vindicate your Reputation;
Pray, in return, dispatch an Answer,
To Query, which I shall advance, Sir.

* Vide *Hudibras*, Canto I.

Th' occaſion then, and Birth Unfold,
Of that Fam'd Alage 'quaint and Old;
" The D—l was Sick, the D—l a Monk would be,
" The D—l was Well, the D—l a Monk was he.

Don Diego Curioſo.

A. Tho' with Sarcaſtic Bites, you ſlily,
A True Friend to *APOLLO*, ſtile ye;
While you your own Suggeſtions tell us,
And Father 'em on other Fellows;
Deviſing Falſities by Dozens,
For proving us and *Old Nick* Couſens;
As if the *Prince* of *Sable Night*,
Cou'd Kindred Claim with th' *God of Light*,
As Oppoſite in all Men's Eyes,
As you your ſelf are to the Wiſe:
For did not *SOL* (ſay if you can)
Foretel things for the *Good* of *Man-Kind* (here the Metre runs as true, Sir,
As that which We receiv'd from you, Sir)
While that Old Stinking *Raſcal*; fye, Sir!
Still's hatching Miſchief, or a Lye, Sir,
Tho' you Prevaricate thus odly,
Like the *Enthuſiastic Godly*;
To ſhew we are above all Matters,
Which Maggot-pated Critic Smatters;
We'll Anſwer in our own Defence,
As if ſent from a Man of Senſe.

The D—l's exactly in your State, Sir,
Who ſpends his Time in wicked Satyr,
Abuſing both the *Gods* and *Men*,
And all the *Attributes* of Heav'n;
But when He's *Sick*, eſpecially,
If he does truly think He ſhall Dye;
He has no Maw to be *Litigious*,
But on the ſudden grows *Religious*;
Yet if he be reſtor'd once more,
He grows as Wicked as before:
Then think *Don Diego*, e'er you're loſt, Sir,
On th' Poor Sick D—l in his Cloiſter,
And this may true Repentance help in,
And make you fit to Dye, when Squelping.

Q. APOLLO, *Common Council of the City,*
Commiſerate my Caſe, extend your Pity,
Pity, O Pity me! unhappy Swain,
Whoſe hopes are Blaſted by my Love's diſdain;
Druſilla's *Heart no Arguments can move,*
She ſtill proves Deaf to all I ſay of Love;
Nay, more, the Killing Language of her Eyes,
Joyns with her Lips, and ſilently denies;
To bear this Croſs your Suppliant Adviſes:
In this Diſtreſs, O whether ſhould I fly,
Where? but to you who never did deny,
To hear the Humble Suit Poor Lovers make,
To you, who always Cogent Methods take,
By ſuch Preſcriptions as can't want Succeſs,
The formidableſt Grievance to Redreſs;
Therefore with ſpeed Diſcry the Happy Day,
To gain my Dear Druſilla *and I'll pay,*
My Grateful Thanks to Pitying, Kind Apollo,
And his Advice, if Practicable, follow.

A. Strange Pow'r of Love, how thou Tranſ-[form'd Mankind,
Not once, when touch'd by Thee, himſelf we find,
The Courtier all his Gallantry forſakes,
And Noble Blood, for Sheepherds Truls miſtakes;
Courts 'em in Rural Strains, the Freſh and Gay,
The Nimph with Garlands Crown'd the Queen of [May,
And what ſtrange Raptures wou'd tranſport their [Loves,
In Deſerts wild and unfrequented Groves;
That one wou'd ſwear the Town they'd never ſeen,
Or in the Palaces of Princes been.

The Lawyer's Clerk quits Barbarous Law—[French,
And Language in the Pit to Orange Wench,
A Sheepherd grows and Sheepherdeſſes Courts
And Sacrifices Plays to Country Sports.
A Heathen Dialect his Brain refines,
Of Temples, Altars, Oracles and Shrines,
For Chriſtian Converſe he no more is fit,
Than Men of Senſe to entertain, his Wit.

And here's a Cit too, tho' it prove his Bane,
Reſolves (forſooth) to turn Country-Swain;
And what Cares he his Book and Shop to keep,
His Trade is only now in Flocks of Sheep:
His Girl—Heav'ns! wou'd it not provoke to [Laughter,
Druſilla's Nam'd perhaps ſome Taylor's Daughter;
Who by this time, a Goddeſs is at leaſt,
Yet ſtill ſhe muſt be worry'd by the Beaſt.

But what is Pleaſanteſt, when e'er the Trapes,
By Vapors Peeviſh grown, abuſe their Apes;
Then we your Invocations muſt endure,
To Pimp to bring your Wenches to your Lure:
Suppoſe it in our Pow'r their Hearts to move,
What proof have we that you deſerve their Love?
When we're ſecure of that, then come again,
And we'll Adviſe you, how you may obtain,
Or by a ready way to end your Pain.

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SIR,

THE Letters from St. Sebaſtians, Sept. 16th, ſay, they have recieved certain Advices, That King Philip ſet out the 9th Inſtant

Inſtant from Madrid for Vallidolid, attended by the Dukes of Medina-Sidonia and Oſſuna, the Conſtable of Caſtile, and ſome other Lords; That there is alſo Advice, that the Army of King Charles is arrived within Two Leagues of Madrid: From whence General Staremberg detach'd with 2000 Horſe, to take Poſſeſſion of that City, and receive the Homage of the Inhabitants; that the Duke of Vendoſme being arrived at Toloza, within 4 Leagues of that Place; he received Advice the 12th at Night, that a Body of 2000 Horſe coming from Eſtremadura was Defeated by the Allies, between Alcala and Madrid; That all the Towns in Navarre, except Pampelona, have declared for King Charles; who has ſent the Count de la Puebla to Valencia with 4000 Men; So that there is no doubt but that Kingdom has declared for that Prince. From the Camp before Aire, Sept. 29th. 'Tis Adviſed that on Saturday the neceſſary Diſpoſitions were made for Attacking a Redoubt on the Left, and the Intrenchments which Cover the Sluces; But the Bridge was Unfortunately broke by a Bomb; which us to put off the Attack to another Day. The Seige of St. Venant goes on with all imaginable Succeſs; That the 26th the Beſiegers lodg'd themſelves on the Glacis, and Yeſterday took the Cover'd Way and Counterguard with very little Loſs, ſo that Adviſe is hourly expected that the Garriſon has Beat a Parley; That they have received a Convoy of 1500 Barrels of Powder from Liſle and Tournay.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

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